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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on September 7, 2005, a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton returned a second superseding indictment charging 9 individuals with conspiring to manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine in White, Gallatin, and Saline Counties in Illinois, and elsewhere in the United States. Charged in the single count superseding indictment are: **DAVID W. WORTH**, age 29, of Equality, Illinois; **DAVID L. REHBEIN**, age 31, of Shawneetown, Illinois; **ROBBIE SHANNON HYATT**, age 32, also of Shawneetown; **JAMES R. CAPEHEART**, age 45, of Paducah, Kentucky; **HENRY A. BARNES**, age 27, also of Shawneetown; **JOHNNY W. HETTERSCHEIDT**, age 29, also of Shawneetown; **WILLIAM T. WEBB**, age 38, of Carmi, Illinois; **ROLAND D. WALLER**, age 42, of Mt. Vernon, Indiana; and **JOSEPH A. MUNTZER**, age 24, of Evansville, Indiana. The indictment alleges that the offense occurred between January 2000 and August 2005.

The indictment was unsealed yesterday following the pre-dawn arrests of several of the defendants and their appearances in United States District Court in Benton. An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The charges carry a penalty of from 10 years to Life imprisonment, up to a \$4 million fine, and a term of at least 5 years' supervised release to follow incarceration.

All defendants who were arrested have been remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending further proceedings.

Previously charged in the original and first superseding indictments were **TONY D. WATTS**, age 53, of Carmi, Illinois; **CHRISTOPHER J. HEATH**, age 28, of Ridgeway, Illinois, **EUGENIA K. HORTON**, age 39, of Shawneetown, Illinois; **DOUGLAS W. COLLINS**, age 40, of Stonefort, Illinois; **SEAN L. LOGSDON**, age 34, of Old Shawneetown, Illinois; **ANGELA R. STANELLE**, age 27, of Shawneetown, Illinois; **DANA REBECCA BLAIR**, age 28, of Shawneetown, Illinois; **BILLY TOMMY SANDERS**, age 43, of Shawneetown, Illinois; **CHRISTOPHER W. WILLIAMS**, age 28, of Equality, Illinois; **WESLEY ALLEN KINGSTON**, age 38, of Harrisburg, Illinois; **JOHN WILLIAM BOOTEN**, age 32, of Equality, Illinois; **MICHAEL SHAWN BOREN**, age 24, of Carmi, Illinois; **THERESA CYNTHIA BACK**, age 19, of Old Shawneetown, Illinois; and **MICHAEL J. PFISTER**, age 26 of Carmi, Illinois. All of these defendants have pled guilty to conspiring to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine and have either been sentenced or are awaiting sentencing.

Information for the indictment was obtained through the cooperative efforts of the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, the Illinois State Police, the White County State's Attorney's Office, the White County Sheriff's Department, the Carmi Police Department, the Shawneetown Police Department, the Gallatin County State's Attorney's Office, the Gallatin County Sheriff's Department, the Saline County State's Attorney's Office, the Saline County Sheriff's Department, the Posey County, Indiana, Narcotics Task Force, the United States Attorney's Office, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James M. Cutchin.